

the main battery 5, and an insulated DC-DC converter 4 which receives the link voltage Vlink to supply the power to the load 7.

[0023] The following is the description about a power flow of the power source device 1 and the electric vehicle 100 at the time of charging, with reference to FIG. 2. At the time of charging, the insulated AC-DC converter 2 receives the power of the AC power source 10 to output the link voltage Vlink, and the bidirectional DC-DC converter 3 receives the link voltage Vlink to charge the main battery 5. In addition, in a case where the load 7 consumed the power, the power is supplied from the link voltage Vlink to the load 7 by operating the insulated DC-DC converter 4. In this way, at the time of charging, the main battery 5 is charged and the power is supplied to the load 7 using the power of the AC power source 10.

[0024] The following is the description about the power flow of the power source device 1 and the electric vehicle 100 while the vehicle is running, with reference to FIG. 3. While the vehicle is running, the power is supplied from the main battery 5 to the drive motor 104 through the converter 102 and the inverter 103. The bidirectional DC-DC converter 3 receives the power of the main battery 5 to output the link voltage Vlink, and the power is supplied from the link voltage Vlink to the load 7 by operating the insulated DC-DC converter 4. In this way, while the vehicle is running, the power is supplied to the load 7 using the power of the main battery 5.

[0025] As described above, the power source device 1 of this embodiment includes the bidirectional DC-DC converter 3 between the link voltage Vlink and the main battery 5. With this configuration, even in a case where a voltage range of the main battery 5 is wide, a voltage range of the link voltage Vlink can be made narrower than that of the main battery 5.

[0026] At the time of charging in the conventional power source device having no bidirectional DC-DC converter 3, the insulated AC-DC converter outputs the voltage of the main battery 5. In general, the efficiency of the converter is easily lowered when the input voltage range is wide, and also the cost is easily increased. Therefore, in a case where the voltage of the main battery 5 is wide, the output voltage range of the insulated AC-DC converter becomes wide. Accordingly, there is a problem in that the efficiency of the insulated AC-DC converter at the time of charging is easily lowered, and also the cost is easily increased.

[0027] In addition, the voltage of the main battery 5 becomes the input voltage of the insulated DC-DC converter while the vehicle is running. Therefore, in a case where the voltage range of the main battery 5 is wide, the input voltage range of the insulated DC-DC converter becomes wide. Accordingly, there is a problem in that the efficiency of the insulated DC-DC converter while the vehicle is running is also lowered, and also the cost is easily increased.

[0028] In this regards, in the power source device 1 of this embodiment, the output voltage range of the insulated AC-DC converter 2 at the time of charging is the voltage range of the link voltage Vlink. In addition, the input voltage range of the insulated DC-DC converter 4 while the vehicle is running is also the voltage range of the link voltage Vlink. As described above, the voltage range of the link voltage Vlink can be narrower than that of the main battery 5. For this reason, in the power source device 1 of this embodiment, the output voltage range of the insulated AC-DC

converter and the input voltage range of the insulated DC-DC converter can be narrower than that in the related art, and a high efficiency and a low cost can be achieved even at the time of charging and running.

Second Embodiment

[0029] FIG. 4 is a circuit diagram illustrating a configuration of a power source device 1a according to this embodiment. The power source device 1a includes an insulated AC-DC converter 2a which receives the power of the AC power source 10 and outputs the link voltage Vlink insulated from the AC power source 10 between nodes Nd1 and Nd2, a bidirectional DC-DC converter 3a which receives the link voltage Vlink to charge the main battery 5, an insulated DC-DC converter 4a which receives the link voltage Vlink to supply the power to the load 7, and a control unit 11 which controls these converters.

[0030] The insulated AC-DC converter 2a includes an AC-DC circuit 8a which receives the voltage of the AC power source 10 to output a DC voltage, and a DC-DC circuit 9a which receives the DC voltage output by the AC-DC circuit 8a to output the insulated link voltage Vlink.

[0031] In the AC-DC circuit 8a, the voltage of the AC power source 10 is full-wave rectified using diodes D11 to D14 which are connected in bridge. The full-wave rectified voltage is input to a boosting chopper circuit which is configured by a smoothing inductor L1, a switching element Q10, a diode D10, and a smoothing capacitor C1. The AC-DC circuit 8a outputs a DC voltage between both ends of the smoothing capacitor C1. The control unit 11 performs power factor improvement in which the input current from the AC power source 10 is controlled to be a sinusoidal waveform almost similar to the voltage of the AC power source 10.

[0032] The DC-DC circuit 9a includes a transformer T1 in which a winding N1 configured by a resonance capacitor Cr1 and a resonance inductor Lr1 connected in series and a winding N2 are magnetically combined. Herein, the resonance inductor Lr1 may not be provided in some cases, depending on a leakage inductance and a wiring inductance of the transformer T1.

[0033] A rectangular voltage is generated from the voltage input to the smoothing capacitor C1 using a switching circuit configured by full-bridged switching elements Q1 to Q4. The rectangular voltage is applied to a serial connection body of the resonance capacitor Cr1, the resonance inductor Lr1, and the winding N1 to cause a resonance current to flow to the winding N1. A current induced in the winding N2 is rectified by a rectification circuit configured by connecting diodes D21 to D24 in bridge, and smoothened by a smoothing capacitor C2. Then, the link voltage Vlink is output between the nodes Nd1 and Nd2. Further, diodes D1 to D4 are connected to the switching elements Q1 to Q4, respectively.

[0034] In this way, the DC-DC circuit 9a forms a resonance converter, and controls the output basically by changing switching frequencies of the switching elements Q1 to Q4.

[0035] The bidirectional DC-DC converter 3a includes a smoothing capacitor C3 connected between terminals Tm1 and Tm2, switching elements Q5 and Q6 connected in series between the terminals Tm1 and Tm2, and a smoothing inductor L2 and a smoothing capacitor C4 connected in series between both ends of the switching element Q6. Both